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MARRIAGE.

At St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on the 4th inst., by the Rev. W. Jennings, Colonial Chaplain, FRANK HEUKENSFELDT SLAHEK, of ALICE EMMA, third daughter of the late Captain Robert More.

BIRTHS.

At Shanghai, on the 7th May, 1889, Mrs. CHRISTIAN SCHEFFELMANN, of a son.

At West End Terrace, on Saturday, the 11th May, 1889, the wife of CHAS. MOONEY, of a son.

On the 12th inst., at Wanchai Police Station, the wife of Inspector SWANSTON, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 13, 1889.

COMPLAINTS have frequently reached us

regarding the time occupied by the river

steamers running between Hongkong and

Macao. These vessels leave Hongkong

at 2 p.m. and, the full distance from wharf

to wharf being only about 36 miles,

generally arrive at Macao after 6 o'clock

—averaging 9 knots an hour. On many

occasions this time is considerably extended

and although the shallow water in Macao

harbour is no doubt to some extent responsible

for these tedious passages, yet it must

be admitted that the class of vessels

hitherto employed on the line is susceptible

of very great improvement. We believe

that the new steamer ordered by the

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steam-

boat Company, Limited, which is now

under construction by Messrs. RAMON and

FRANCOIS, of Lorient, will be especially

adapted for the Macao trade and will travel

at a much higher rate of speed than the

vessels (excepting the *Honam*) that have

up to the present time been employed on

this route; but, unless we are misinformed,

even the new clipper will still fall far

short of actual requirements. From time

to time there have been reports of Macao

syndicates, to be formed for the purpose

of obtaining a steamer to travel between

Macao and this port inside two hours, but,

needless to say, all these projects have

proved complete fizzes. If we have to

wait for Portuguese—that is to say, Macao

enterprise and capital to provide rapid

communication between the two ports in

accordance with modern requirements,

we shall have to keep watch until doom-

day, and, to speak the plain, unvarnished

truth, the Directors of the Steamboat

Company are evidently not very far in

advance of the Lusitanian projectors who

have talked so much and accomplished

so little. The question has been asked

us whether it would be possible to have

suitable steamers built at home capable

of running from here to Macao inside

an hour and a half. We are in a

position to answer that question. At

the present time the famous Glasfield

Shipbuilding Company of Glasgow are

building three paddle steamers of 1,500

tons each for a new mail service between

Dover and Boulogne, with a guaranteed

speed of 26 knots per hour. As the sea

in the English Channel is infinitely

rougher than is the case on the Macao

passage—the latter can almost always

be made in smooth water—for at least

three-fourths of the distance—these

steamers would, of course, easily cover

the 36 miles separating Hongkong from

the Holy City well inside an hour and a

half. Such a steamer on the line would

be the salvation of Macao, and it is not

by any means an impossibility that the

ancient Portuguese settlement may yet,

and before very long, become the daily

resort and residence during the summer

months of a considerable proportion of the

upper classes of the Hongkong community.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE total number of prisoners in the various

gaols of the Philippine Islands during the month

of March last was 4,907.

THE French gunboat *Chasseur*, Capt. Bugard,

left today for Macao, and the *Viper*, Com-

mander Gondot, for Swatow.

WE note that Mr. James, constructor at the

Naval Dockyard, has been appointed to a

similar position at Devonport.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City

Hall Museum for the week ending May 12th, are—

Europeans 187, Chinese 1,951; total, 2,138.

THE Governor-General of the Philippine Islands

has lately paid a visit to the Sooloo Islands,

which are distant about 60 hours' steaming from

Manila.

THE agents (Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co.)

inform us that the "Shire" Line steamship

Monmouthshire, from London, etc., left Singa-

pore yesterday for this port.

OWING to having changed quarters to Mountain

Lodge for the summer months, Lady des Vaux'

receptions on Mondays at Government House

have been discontinued until further notice.

IT is estimated that the present population of

the United States is 64,000,000. The total

increase is said to be 100,000 a month, exclusive

of immigration, and last year the increase by

immigration was 518,000. At this rate the next

census, which will be taken in July, 1890, will

show about 67,000,000.

WE would specially direct attention to Madame

Cora's entertainment at the Theatre Royal, City

Hall, to-morrow night, particulars of which will

be found in our advertising columns. This

talented artist deserves the warm support of

the Hongkong public. A kelly of the Theatre is

now open at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh's, where

seats may be booked.

THE *Foochow Echo* says:—There is a good

deal of tightness in the money market and

business is said to be in a most depressed state

amongst the natives, who view the prospect of

the forthcoming tea season in the gloomiest

light. This was no doubt brought about by the

general want of inclination to make advances to

traders, which this year totalled only eight hun-

dred thousand dollars as against two and a half

millions last season. This unprecedentedly large

difference to the bad will no doubt tell, as it has

done, on all industries dependent on that which

is considered as the principal trade of the port.

AT the Police Court this afternoon, before Mr.

Pollock, Tora, the Japanese barber in Wellington

Street, was charged, with three other Japanese,

with causing the death of a Chinaman yester-

day. The defendants, with others, left in the

Kam Lee launch yesterday afternoon, to go to

FROM the 1st January to April 20th of this year,

1,649,077 piculs of rice were exported from

Saigon, being 1,820,914 piculs less than the

quantity exported during the same period in 1888.

CAPTAIN Craig of the steamer *Vidar*, on arrival

at Singapore, reported having passed on the 1st

inst., off Karamatta Island, the Nova Scotian

bark *Mabel Taylor*, bound from Cardiff to

Hongkong, 145 days out. The bark wished to

be reported "all well."

THE value of specie imported into the Philip-

pines during the second fortnight of April was

\$10,050, which was made up of Spanish silver

coins, and \$30 Spanish gold coins. The total

value exported was \$2,000, being \$20,000 in

gold and \$1,000 in silver.

THE agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) inform us

that the Norddeutscher Lloyd's steamship

Nackar, with the German mails from Berlin

of the 16th April, left Singapore for this port at

7 p.m. on the 11th inst., and may be expected

on or about Thursday, the 16th.

THE latest expensive whim indulged in by the

King of Wurtemberg is the photographing of

the moon to ascertain whether it is inhabited.

He has the negatives magnified one hundred

thousand-fold, and has thus far discovered

nebulae covered with little dots, which he

believes to be lunar people.

THE performance at the City Hall on Saturday

night by the French Vaudeville and Concert

Company was as great a failure as it deserved to

be. The attendance was limited, and comprised

very few Englishmen. The opening farce had

a most rudimentary plot, and the second part

of the programme was livelier simply because it

was in the style of a third rate *cuff chantant*.

"BROWNIE'S" comments on the difficulties pre-

sented by the multiplicity of official appointments

held by Mr. H. E. Woodhouse are very much to

the point, but would have been just as well if

our evening contemporary's weekly purvey of

state chatter had acknowledged his obligations

to Gilbert's *Lord Chancellor* in "Iolanthe."

This is not the first time "Brownie" has been

openly convicted of disgraceful plagiarism.

WE learn from the *Japan Mail* that Woodyear's

Circus is at Kyoto, playing in one of the large

theatres. After leaving the ancient capital the

circus proceeds to Naegaya, and thence probably

to Tokyo overland. Victor Valdez met with a

serious accident whilst at practice on the 1st of

May, the man failing to catch him on his flying

from the trapeze, and Valdez fell, breaking his

leg badly. The doctor in attendance fears that

amputation may become necessary.

THE Second "Spoon" Competition of the Hong-

kong Rifle Association at 200 yards—10 shots

each, competitors to stand or kneel—took place

at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon. There were

13 competitors, and after some good marksmanship

Liut. Capt. Ayley, R.A., was returned the

winner by scoring 46 out of a possible 50. M.

J. Carson of the Hongkong Police was second

with 43, and Messrs. E. L. Woodin and F.

Watts tied for third place with 41, two points

more than the fifth man, Mr. Howell.

THE gymnastic class in connection with the

Victoria Recreation Club, which Sergeant-

Instructor Mills has conducted during the winter

with such success, closed for the season on

Saturday evening, when an all round competition

was held, the prizes being one gold and one

silver medal, presented by the President of the

Club, the Hon A. P. MacEwen. A large number

of spectators assembled. There were seven

competitors, all of whom did the set exercises

admirably, but the voluntary exercises were less

evenly gone through, and eventually W. Howard

was hailed the winner, with J. Pidgeon a

credible second. A detailed report will appear

to-morrow.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 13th.

The German warship *Olgä*, which was stranded during the recent hurricane at Samoa, has arrived here for repairs. She brought from Apia the commander, two officers and thirty of the crew of the *Adler*, which was wrecked in the same hurricane.

The steamer *Reckon* will proceed from here to Samoa, where she will take on board the crews of the wrecked American war ships and convey them to San Francisco.

The steamer *Rubeck*, from Apia, under date of April 2nd, has arrived. She reports that the *Nipisic* is so badly injured that it is doubtful whether she will be able to return to the United States. A large number of bodies of the officers and men of the various ships, drowned during the storm, have been recovered and buried.

The officers of the wrecked German war ship *Adler* were also on board the *Rubeck*. They will proceed to Germany on the steamer *Hefburg*, which sails on the April 24th. One hundred men belonging to the German fleet, including three officers remain at Apia to guard foreign interests.

The hull of the *Olgä* is sound, with the exception of a hole in the stern. Two plates were riveted over this hole, and the ship made no water during the voyage here.

The *Olgä* reports that the *Nipisic* lost her rudder and propeller, and the *Trenton* is full of water. The *Adler* lies in the position in which the storm left her.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 13th.

The *Official Messenger* publishes statements made by Aichhoff and Archimandrite Palais, the leaders of the late Cosack expedition to Abyssinia, to which they declare that the commander of the French warship at Sangallo gave no warning that he intended to bombard that place. They also declare that the French forces robbed Aichhoff of 45,000 roubles.

WASHINGTON, April 13th.

It is understood that the Naval Board selected by Secretary Whitney to locate another navy yard on the Pacific Coast have decided to report in favor of a site on Puget Sound, opposite Seattle.

LONDON, April 13th.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the new British Minister to the United States, left London this morning for Liverpool and will embark this afternoon for New York.

DUBLIN, April 13th.

Mr. Sheehy, M. P., is confined to his cell on a bread and water diet for refusing to perform menial labor at the prison.

DUBLIN, April 14th.

The Court of Appeals' revocation of the police decree against the *Volks Zeitung* and the failure of the prosecution of the *Freilinnige Zeitung* exasperated the Emperor. The Court failing to punish the *Volks Zeitung*'s criticisms, the Emperor personally directed the prosecution of the *Volks Zeitung*.

Press comments on the appointment of Mr. Bates as Commissioner to the Samoan Conference were unfavorable. Newspaper grumblings against Bates will not, however, affect the issue of the Conference.

New dangers are confronting the Austro-German alliance, which will have the greatest influence on Prince Bismarck and which will tend to bring about a speedy settlement of the dispute with America.

Advices from Vienna state that the Empress of Austria has been attacked by the family malady—insanity. She suffers from long spells of melancholia and enters into delusions, accusing herself of having caused the death of Crown Prince Rudolf.

She is bent upon committing suicide, thinking to leave the Emperor free to remarry. Sometimes she dandies a cushion or pillow, thinking it a new-born heir to the throne. The Emperor is greatly affected. He suffers from insomnia and has no rest for work, taking only a languid interest in State affairs.

It is reported he consulted with Count Kalnoky and Count Von Taffe upon the advisability of abdicating in favor of his nephew Franz.

The hereditary Duke and Duchess of Oldenburg, and Count and Countess Hohenhausen had a narrow escape from death recently while journeying by steamer. Their meals had been cooked in uncleaned copper vessels.

Seven passengers died from eating food so prepared.

LONDON, April 14th.

The *Weekly Dispatch* says that William O'Brien has entered a libel action against Lord Salisbury for certain remarks made by the latter in a recent speech at Waterford.

PARIS, April 14th.

At a banquet at Versailles to-day Deputy Laguerre read General Boulanger's speech. He contrasted the doings of the present "Sham Republicans" with the doings of the Republicans of 1879, and said that on their hundredth anniversary the reforms then initiated must be completed.

Laguerre and Henriette were arrested on leaving the banquet hall. They protested on the ground of the inviolability of members of the Chamber of Deputies and were released.

A grand banquet was enjoyed yesterday evening at Versailles, by the friends of Boulanger, the occasion being the centenary of the French Revolution. Late in the evening several speakers indulged in extremely bitter, unparliamentary speeches. Among them were Laguerre and Henriette, both of whom were arrested by the military, who came upon the banquet scene with bayonets fixed.

WASHINGTON, April 14th.

Mrs. Feibiger, wife of Admiral Feibiger of the navy, was thrown from her carriage this evening and badly, perhaps fatally, injured.

BROOKLYN, April 14th.

Ex-Congressman Simon B. Chittenden died this afternoon, aged 75 years.

LONDON, April 15th.

The *Times* says: The new Compagnie d'Exemple of Paris will be constructed on the lines of the old concern. The capital will be 40,000,000 francs, half paid up and exclusively of 40,000,000 francs, half paid up and exclusively of 40,000,000 francs. There will also be 60,000 founders' shares, entitled to 30 per cent of the profits after 5 per cent is deducted for a reserve. Two-thirds will be handed to the liquidators as a contribution to the former company and the remaining 20,000 will be handed to a syndicate which has guaranteed to subscribe for the shares not taken by the original shareholders.

PARIS, April 16th.

In the affair of the League of Patriots, the accused, discharged on the charge of belonging to a secret society, but were found guilty of having belonged to an unauthorized society and each was sentenced to pay a fine of 100 francs.

PARIS, April 17th.

The *Journal des Debats* says that Germany has succeeded in inducing the Sultan to send Embassies to Morocco and Zanzibar.

MARSEILLES, April 17th.

Nubar Pasha has embarked on board the Messageries mail steamer bound for Egypt.

PARIS, April 18th.

The Chamber has passed the Bill settling the procedure in the High Court of Justice.

LONDON, April 18th.

Mr. Conynck, who actively sided with the Germans at the recent elections in Donegal, has been summoned to appear before the Magistrates.

At Falcarragh on the charge of conspiracy to resist the law.

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The thirty second Pioneer moved to Gnatong next Sunday; the coolie corps, two hundred strong, is to be employed on D. Mageri Lughal road during the next few months.

The Shendus are quiet since the withdrawal of the troops.

A large number of Maxim machine guns are being sent out for the Indian coast defences.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACES.

OFF DAY.—MONDAY, 6TH MAY, 1889.

There was only a moderate attendance of spectators owing to the threatening weather. Notwithstanding a heavy shower the racing was excellent throughout, and some very good times were made. Details are appended:—

The "VISITANT" CUP.—Value, £15. 100.—Presented—For all Griffs that have run at this Meeting and not won a Race.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Entrance, \$5, to go to the second Pony.—Three-Quarters of a Mile.

Mr. Suss's gr. Atilla, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Read 1 Mr. Alexander's d. Rumour, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Hough 2 Mr. Linton's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Reynell 3 Mr. Falk's ch. Mischabel, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Dallas 4 Mr. Falk's gr. Witchcraft, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Hart Buck 5 Mr. Weed's d. Pompon, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Ramsey 6 Mr. Buxey's br. Cockcomb, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Machado 7

Home Guard was a hot favorite, but had nothing to do with the finish, Atilla winning an exciting tussle by a short head. Time 1 min. 34 secs.

The BIG TENT SWEEP.—Value, \$100.—Presented—For all Ponies that have run at this Meeting and not been placed.—Winners on the fourth day excluded.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Entrance, \$5, to go to the second Pony.—One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Telly's bl. Mülberg, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Ruegg 1 Mr. Henry's gr. Feibow, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 2 Mr. Worth's br. Horner, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Hough 3 Mr. Mount's gr. Daphne, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Read 4 Mr. Edmund's gr. White Pasha, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Dallas 5 Mr. Weed's b. Off Chance, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Reynell 6 Mr. Edg's ch. Froh, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Von Schmidt 7

Diphne and Hornet had most admirers, but Mülberg, who was not in the least fancied, won cleverly by a length from Feibow after a rather scrambling finish. Time 3 min. 24 secs. An objection to the winner for foul riding was over-ruled.

THE MAPOOS' RACE, for Ponies that have run at this Meeting; winners at this Meeting excluded; weight, 9st. 7lbs. Entrance, \$5. Once Round. Native Riders in Racing Colours; the stakes to be handed to the riders as follows:—The Winner, 5/8ths; second rider, 2/8ths; third, 1/8th.

Mr. Suss's gr. St. Elmo, Koh-yang 1 Mr. Buxey's br. Busyboddy, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hough 2 Mr. John Peel's gr. Bandman, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Dallas 3 Mr. D. Humphrey's wh. Vivacity, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 4 Mr. Buxey's gr. Arabie, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 5 Mr. McCullagh's ch. Precursor, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 6 Mr. H. Sylva's gr. Piz Langard, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 7 Mr. Suss's gr. Fair Sport, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 8 Mr. Suss's gr. Arden, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 9 Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Vigour, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 10 Mr. J. D. Humphrey's br. Violent, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 11 Mr. Major's ch. Paolet, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 12

The favorite for the Griffins came away from his field in the straight and won easily by a length from Busyboddy, with Bandman a good third. Time 2 min. 38 secs.

THE "ZEPHYR" CUP.—Value, £15. 100.—Presented—For all Griffins that have run at this Meeting and won a Race.—Weight for inches as per scale.—Ponies placed in any race 5lbs. extra.—Winners on the fourth day excluded.—Entrance, \$5, to go to the second Pony.—One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Albert's gr. Monte Video, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Read 1 Mr. Linton's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Reynell 2 Mr. Kilman's gr. Keepsake, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Machado 3 Mr. Telly's bl. Noimont, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Dallas 4 Mr. Inch's br. Harmony, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Renny 5 Mr. J. D. Humphrey's d. Vitality, 11st. 9lb. Mr. Hart Buck 6 Mr. Alexander's d. Rumour, 11st. 6lb. Mr. Hough 7

Woh cleverly by a length; a good third. Time 2 min. 46 2-5th secs.

THE MAPOOS' CHAMPION RACE.—For China Ponies, the property of Members of the Shanghai Race Club; weight, 9st. 7lbs. Entrance, \$5. Distance Once round; native riders in racing colours, the stakes to be handed to the riders as follows:—The winner, 5/8ths; second rider, 2/8ths; third rider, 1/8th.

Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Visitant, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Suss's gr. Asteroid, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 2 Mr. Ten Brock's gr. Wild Mint, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 3 Mr. J. D. Humphrey's gr. Defiance, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 4 Mr. Henry's gr. Feibow, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 5 Mr. Suss's gr. Atilla, 10st. 13lb. Mr. Hough 6

Defiance was most in demand, but Wild Mint and Visitant were also well backed. After going half-way Visitant came out by himself and won in a canter by six lengths from Asteroid, with Wild Mint a poor third. Distance broke down. Time 2 min. 35 2-5th secs.

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NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

Late on the 22nd April a British three-masted man-of-war arrived at Wuhu, and on the 23rd and 24th the Wuhu natives were treated to a sight that was perfectly new to them, in the shape of a drill of man-of-war-men and marines on shore. Sometimes kneeling, sometimes running, the men caused much interest by their skillfully conducted evolutions. They were treated at the conclusion to wine and refreshments, and rewarded with silver medals (2).

A Jimricha coolie who dropped apparently dead in the shafts a few days ago at Shanghai (not by any means an unprecedented occurrence there) only revived to find himself in a coffin and being trotted out to be buried at the expense of a certain native charitable institution. He succeeded in making the bearers understand that he was alive, and they broke open the coffin and released him. A benevolent native writes to the *Shen Pao* recommending that people should be accustomed to be dead before they are nailed up in coffins for burial; rather a humane suggestion.

At Si-fu, a village about 30 li from Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, a white dragon was seen on the 12th April. Dragons like water, and it had raised since about the middle of March straight on, ending on that day in a most tremendous hail-storm, which smashed in the roof of a good many of the country people's huts about their ears. Suddenly a powerful fishy smell became perceptible, and people coming in from the fields reported the presence of a huge creature extending about two miles (about a third of an acre) disporting itself by wriggling and squirming in a pool of water. The next day a few people ventured out to see it; it was quite white, with scales two feet in size, with horned head, claws, and a long tail, just as dragons are represented in pictures. On the 18th of March fine weather returned, and the dragon was gone. Foreigners do not talk about dragons, but we Chinese do. Few, indeed, have seen them, but this instance seems too well-authenticated to allow us to doubt of the power of this supernatural being to make himself occasionally visible to man.

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The great article of traffic from Szechuan just now, however, seems to be slave girls. They are very cheap. A great Noah's ark was seen floating down river the other day, women looking out at all the windows. They were slave girls a mandarin was taking east. Would it not pay the various missionary societies better to buy these girls, bring them within the Christian influences of Shanghai, and educate them there, instead of sending lady missionaries to the far west, lady missionaries who are generally young mothers with duties to their own little children? I throw out the suggestion. Some of the societies are said to be hard-up, others very plentifully supplied with money, but anyway, economy is to be studied, and they could train the Szechuan girls perhaps to go back as missionaries themselves.

The other day we had such a tumult here! It turned out that some of the neighbours disapproved of the gable end just added to the servants' quarters of a new house. A number of old women insisted on dragging the European who was building it into their houses to see. "Look!" they said, "your new gable points, and points straight at our *Pusa*. It will ruin us." Greatly amused the European straightway said, "It shall be curled in another direction." The old women were at once propitiated and delighted. But so far it has not yet been curled and they seem to have forgotten all about it.

Has anyone in Shanghai yet devised a really comfortable dress for ladies in summer heat, comfortable enough to be kept on in the privacy of their own apartments, pretty enough to be worn in public? If so we up-country people would be most grateful for the pattern. So far the ladies of the China Inland Mission seem to have hit the best of it. They do look so cool in their loose clothes, and some of them have most becoming costumes.—*N. C. Daily News*.

TIENTSIN.

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Co-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"NINGPO,"

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, 13th May, 1889. [584]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PARTHIA,"

FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, NAGASAKI AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 13th May, 1889. [33]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES OF

Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST

OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30

NEXT BIRTHDAY.

STG. payable at death, would

cost at the rate of:—

£1,000 (a) If premiums are

or £9 11 6 (b) If premiums are limited

or £11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited

or £13 0 0 (d) If the Sum Assured is

made payable at age 50, or

at death if previous.

AFTER being three years in force, each

year's payment of premium secures a

proportionate part of Sum Assured as explained

in Prospectus. For instance: after five years a

man Assured under plan b would be entitled to a

Free Paid-up Policy for 5/20ths of Sum Assured,

viz., £250, should he wish to discontinue future

payments.

The same provisions if commenced at age 40

n. b. would cost respectively (a) £8.10. (b)

£11.50. (c) £13.24. (d) £17.08 per quarter.

Note.—It is an advantage to effect Provisions

of this nature early in life. By delay the rate of

subscription increases; Death may occur

before the Provision is effected, or Health may

fail and render the life ineligible for Assurance.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED,

Agents,

659-4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000 } \$833,333-33

EQUAL TO } \$318,000-00

RESERVE FUND } \$318,000-00

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LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1888. [858]

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THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY

LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

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MARINE RISKS AT CURRENT RATES ON GOODS,

&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1888. [152]

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG,

No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above

LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'

HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY,

the 16th inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1889. [554]

Intimations.

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHIE DUA

SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Share-

holders who are desirous of taking up the

NEW SHARES to which they are entitled in

respect of the Shares of which they were the

registered holders on the date of the continuation

and in pursuance of the Special Resolution

passed on the 4th April, 1889, and confirmed on

the 20th April, 1889, must accept the same and

pay the sum of \$10 for each New Share so

accepted to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION, at Hongkong, on or

before the 20th day of May instant, after which

date the New Shares which shall not then have

been accepted will be deemed to be declined.

Forms of acceptance and Bankers' Receipt

may be obtained on application at the Hongkong

and Shanghai Bank or at the Company's Office,

No. 9, Queen's Road.

Dated and day of May, 1889.

By Order,

A. O'D. GOURDIN,

Secretary.

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY,

LIMITED.

HONGKONG SHAREHOLDERS are requested

to apply to the Undersigned for

Warrants for the dividend declared at the

General Meeting held in Singapore on 27th

April.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1889. [558]

SITUATION WANTED.

A NORWEGIAN GENTLEMAN of good

knowledge (a) possessing a thorough

knowledge of English, German, French, Scandinavian

and partly Dutch languages, and a perfect book-

keeper, is desirous of obtaining a trustworthy

position; merchant or shipbroking office

preferred.

Advertiser has been abroad for the last seven

years. Best testimonials.

Good salary expected.

Address to

GEORGE T. MONSEN,

c/o E. T. MELING,

Canton, China.

Canton, 7th May, 1889. [549]

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of Twenty

per cent upon Contributions for the year

1888 has this day been declared.

Warrants may be had on application at the

above office on and after the 1st proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Agents,

Canton Insurance Office, Limited,

Hongkong, 15th April, 1889. [468]

HONGKONG TIMBER

YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER

Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY,

Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [656]

Intimations.

LOST.

A LITTLE FOX-TERRIER, White with

Black Spots. Answers to the name of

"BOLTS."

Finder will please send the dog to the Office

of this paper.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1889. [571]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY,

LIMITED.

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING

of the above Company will be held at the

CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 25th May,

at 10.30 P.M.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Managers.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1889. [572]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON

WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY,

LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

of the Company will be held at the Company's

Registered Office No. 13 Praya, Victoria, Hong-

kong, on TUESDAY, the 21st day of May

instant, at 12 o'clock NOON, when the following

Special Resolution will be proposed, viz:—

That the Company may from time to time

Reduce its Capital.

By Order of the Board,

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1889. [566]

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN

LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6th DIVIDEND.

A 6th DIVIDEND of 6 1/2% on all claims

against the Hongkong Branch of the

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, which have

been approved by the Court of Chancery will

be paid at the Offices of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK

CORPORATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY,

the 18th March next.

Creditors are requested to apply to the Bank

for their Dividends and to produce the letter they

hold from the Official Liquidator admitting their

claims in order that the payment of the 6th

Dividend may be endorsed thereon.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN

ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

THE Official Liquidator, by arrangement

with the Assets Realisation Co., is prepared

to pay in advance to Creditors willing to receive

such payment, IN FULL DISCHARGE OF THEIR

CLAIMS the Dividend of 5 1/2% payable in the

year 1890, UNDER A DISCOUNT OF FIVE

TWELFTHS PER CENT.

Creditors who are willing to accept payment

of the Final Dividend, less discount as above

are requested to communicate with the Undersigned

BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT

MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER,

Agent for the Official Liquidator,

Oriental Bank Corporation, in Liq.

2, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 6th February, 1889. [176]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000

PAID UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....1,250,000

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MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land,

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Properties purchased and sold.

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Commission business relating to land, etc.,

conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Com-

pany's Offices, No. 7, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

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Victoria Buildings,

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1889. [532]

KOWLOON HOTEL.

J. C. L. ROUCH.....MANAGER.

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ENGLISH & AMERICAN BILLIARD

TABLES, BOWLING ALLEYS, TENNIS

LAWN.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1889. [114]

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES CHARBON-

NAGES DU TONKIN.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the FIRST

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS, will

be held at the Company's Office, Hongay

(Tonkin) on FRIDAY, the Thirty-first day of

May, at NOON.

—BUSINESS—

To receive the Report on the state of the

Mines, and to fill vacancies on the Board of

Directors.

The owners of at least Twenty Shares to

beholder, in order to have the right of attending

the above Meeting, shall deposit their Shares

either with the Undersigned, or with the Chief

Manager of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION, not later than Fifteen

Days before the Meeting, and there shall be

delivered to them a card of admission to the

Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ALEXANDER LEVY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1889. [488]

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

DURING the Paris Universal Exhibition of

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will be kept at the Office of our correspondents,

Messrs. AMADEE PRINCE & Co., 36, Rue

Lafayette, and also at the Pavilion of the

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may be consulted at any time by visitors from

the Far East.

Subscribers to this journal may have their

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services will be placed at the disposal of all

inquirers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1889. [518]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Neckar	Bremen	May 16th	Melchers & Co.
Japan	Calcutta	May 17th	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Daphne	Hamburg	May 17th	Siemssen & Co.
Oceanic	San Francisco	May 18th	O. & O. S. S. Co.
Monmouthshire	London	May 18th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Duke of Buckingham	London	May 18th	Adamson, Bell & Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING
London, via Suez Canal	Peshawur	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	May 18th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Sarpedon	Butterfield & Swire.....	May 24th
Marseilles, via Saigon, &c.	Caledonien	Messageries Maritimes.	May 23rd, at noon.
Bremen, via Ports of Call.	Neckar	Melchers & Co.....	June 5th, at 4 p.m.
Venice, via Straits, &c.,	Medea	Austro-Hung. Lloyd's Co.	May 15th, at noon.
Havre, Hamburg, &c.,	Bellona	Siemssen & Co.....	May 22nd, at 10 a.m.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	Oceanic	O. & O. S. S. Co.....	May 28th, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, via Y'hama	City of Sydney	Pacific Mail S. S. Co....	May 18th, at 4 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via K. &c.	Port Augusta	Adamson, Bell & Co....	To-morrow, at noon.
Port Darwin, &c.	Taiyuan	Butterfield & Swire.....	May 24th, at 4 p.m.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Warden	Melchers & Co.....	About May 17th.
Yokohama, via Takao &c.	Khiva	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 16th, at 10 a.m.
Kobe and Yokohama	Aperade	Geo. R. Stevens & Co..	May 17th, daylight.
Kobe (direct)	Ashington	Siemssen & Co.....	May 15th, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'hama	Monmouthshire	Adamson, Bell & Co....	May 19th.
Tientsin	Kwongsang	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About May 25th.
Shanghai	Neckar	Melchers & Co.....	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Duke of Buckingham	Adamson, Bell & Co....	About May 19th.
Shanghai, via Swatow	Choysang	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 15th, at noon.
Manila, via Amoy	Nansing	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	May 16th, at 2 p.m.
Swatow, Spore, Bangkok.	P. C. Chom Klao...	Yuen Fat Hong	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
Coast Ports	Halloong	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	To-morrow, 10 a.m.